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A BOLD PROPOSITION.

A writer in the Irrigation Market proposes that the money spent for Illinois, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana in protecting them against floods, be used to construct a canal along the eastern foot of the Rocky mountains, and turn the Missouri river down into Colorado, Wyoming, Dakota, Texas, and other states. In support of the proposition is mentioned the fact that there is no navigation, as formerly on the Mississippi, while an enormous amount of water goes to waste and does great damage clear to New Orleans. The idea is a bold one, but not so impracticable after all, when it is considered that the millions spent along the banks of the Mississippi, would easily pay for the construction of such a canal system. And the amount of arid lands which might thus be reclaimed, as well as the saving in the flood districts in the Mississippi valley would a million times repay the expenditure. It would be a mammoth undertaking, but as great things have been done before, and American ingenuity and enterprise should be equal to any emergency.

THE El Paso Times man was caught in a "whopper" last Saturday. The capture of Chihuahua by the rebels and details of the affair were furnished to the Associated press by the versatile correspondent as told by a Times man, but a companion dispatch from Chihuahua itself reported everything serene and the bandits or rebels eighty miles away.

EDITOR BRANN still continues to disseminate knowledge on the subject of "humbugs" but the most colossal humbug in Texas, and one about which he knows probably more than anyone else, is never touched upon in the versatile Brann's brilliant lectures. We refer to the pretensions of democracy on the part of the Express.

THE Hawaiian provisional government celebrated January 17th as their "Fourth of July." Ex-Minister Stevens probably figured in the role of George Washington.

MILLIONS for a pension, but not one cent for damages! Is the defiant cry of the annexationists to the alleged threat of Ex-Queen Liliuokalani to sue Uncle Sam for damages.

GOOD rains are reported at various points in Southwest Texas. They were much needed, and were gladly welcomed by stockmen and farmers.

GOV. ALTGELD is taking dancing lessons, so they say. "Grand change" will be the figure he will have to dance at the next election, we imagine.

HOUSTON rivals Dallas as a sensation center lately. Two sensational killings within three days is the Bayon City's record for last week.

TOM JOHNSON did not gain his point in the tariff debate, but he did inject a little life and interest into the prosy proceedings.

A WEEK of rain would do this.

SOUND ARGUMENTS.

Speaking of the proposition of Mr. J. J. Sullivan, ex-treasurer of the Pan-American railway company, to undertake the construction of another railroad for Victoria, the Times of that place says:

If the citizens could raise the bonus for the road, and Messrs. Sullivan & Baker would build the twenty-two miles to the county line it would be ample security to the citizens of Victoria, and would be worth more to the town than several times the amount of the bonus, even if it went no further. A great many "kick" about the Pan-American failing to build, and think this would turn out the same way; well what if it did? The Pan-American road has cost the people of Victoria comparatively nothing, but on the other hand it has been worth many thousands dollars to Victoria. It made times good here, and all the money that was paid out on the road was squandered right here and our business men got the benefit of it. It advertised Victoria all over the world and started a new era of brick building, brought new enterprises and new people among us, increased the volume of business all around, and no one but a chronic croaker would object to the same company or any other company, building ten or twenty miles more of road in several other directions from this city, whether they ever build any further or not. Twenty-two miles of road built north would carry it across the Chicotele and into the thickly settled country in Lavaca county. Besides, it means the expenditure of over \$200,000 in cold cash, over two-thirds of which would be put into circulation right here in Victoria and would insure a northern connection at an early date. The time has come to act and the Times hopes that something will be done by our citizens in regard to this important matter at once.

These arguments advanced by the Times are sound, as we have reason to know, and they apply equally as well to the croakers who would prevent people from subscribing to the bonus for the Corpus Christi and Brownsville railroad. But in this instance fifty miles of the road must be completed before a cent of the bonus is paid. This section has all to gain, and nothing to lose, by the enterprise which Mr. Miller proposes to carry out.

SAN ANTONIO EXPRESS: The price of silver continues to bear up well since the repeal of the Sherman law, owing to the heavy demand for that metal in the Orient. Unless the supply is vastly increased it is a reasonable assumption that silver will not be much lower than at present during the lifetime of this generation.



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BELIEVERS IN WITCHCRAFT.

Residents of an Ohio Village Hold Mr. Culp Culpable For Mysterious Deaths.
The residents of Hart's Corners, a farming community 10 miles east of this city, are agog over the doings of a witch. Several days ago a young farmer named Howard Hughes dug a well upon a small hill, and when he had got to what he believed to be a sufficient depth, much to his surprise, no water appeared. He cogitated upon the matter, and being a firm believer in witches and hobgoblins concluded that some person had cast a spell upon his land.

Within the limits of this city lives a Dr. Hoff, an octogenarian, who deals in herbs and claims supernatural powers. To this strange old man Hughes repaired and hired him to go down to his place and locate the trouble. Hoff went with him, and building a fire threw some of his powders into it, and while the fire burned consulted the spirits through a powwow performance. He told Hughes that the absence of water in his well was due to a neighbor named Culp, who was a wizard, with a poisonous breath and an evil eye, and that the well would remain dry until he (Culp) was dead. Since the old witch doctor revealed this startling information the Hughes and a dozen other families who believe in witchcraft have ceased all intercourse with Culp and avoid him as they would the evil one.

The affair has caused such a stir that the matter resolved itself into a special meeting held in the Methodist church of the village, to which all these people belong. The Rev. J. E. Hollister of this city, the pastor of the church, presided and called upon Hughes and his followers to disavow witchcraft and treat Culp as a brother or leave the church. This they refused to do, and a church trial will result.

Last spring Miss Sadie Loop, a member of the church, was expelled at a church trial for asserting that Culp was a wizard, and it was thought at that time that the ridiculous superstition had been stamped out.—Alliance (O.) Cor. Chicago Herald.

A THOUGHTFUL BRIGAND.

Tired of His Calling, He Writes a Courteous Letter to the Commandant.

Nothing could be more correct or gentlemanly than the behavior of the Corsican brigand Barthelmy Durill in surrendering himself, as he has recently done, to the offended justice of his country. Writing from Piana to the commandant of the district, he said: "Monsieur le Commandant, I, the undersigned, Barthelmy Durill, brigand at Piana, have the honor to respectfully submit to you that I intend to give myself up into your custody as a prisoner to be tried at the approaching assizes. Pray, monsieur le commandant, let me know when I can do so and address your reply to my mother, Mme. Durill, at Piana."

As soon as you have written to her, and she has sent me the letter, I beg you, monsieur le commandant, to be good enough to instruct your gendarmes in order that I may proceed without molestation to Ajaccio to surrender myself. I should not care to be arrested on the way by the gendarmes, and I shall take it as a favor if you will give them instructions on the subject. Please let me hear from you five or six days before the date of the assizes, that I may have time to make my preparations. I rely upon you. Accept, monsieur le commandant, the expression of my entire devotion.

DURILL (BARTHELEMY),
Brigand and Landowner at Piana.
—London News.

No Waiting For a Bite There.

Mr. W. K. Reynolds, Jr., in a letter to his father from British Columbia dated Nov. 18, tells the following remarkable story:

"Was at Duncan's two nights; spent an hour at the Cowichan river each evening catching salmon by the tail and throwing them up the bank or back in the river. I suppose you will think this overdrawn, but it is a fact just the same. The river is literally swarming with them, and the water can hardly be seen for fish. The banks are covered with dead fish, and the stench is horrible. The people are complaining, but apparently nothing can be done. I caught about 40, one after the other, and got pretty wet over it. The sport is more exciting than fishing with a rod. Every little slough in the river is filled with them, places where the water is only six inches deep, but they force themselves along very fast and are fearfully strong. The average weight is about 10 pounds, but there are many heavier and few lighter."—Halifax Acadian Recorder.

James Stanley a Widow.

Another of the strange stories for which the English chancery court is remarkable is astonishing everybody today. The Widow Cullener had a life interest in her husband's estate, terminating on her remarriage. It is alleged that she married a certain James Stanley in 1865. The answer is that the widow is Stanley. She has lived as a man for the past 23 years and carried on business as a plumber. She went through a marriage ceremony in 1866 with another woman named Newland, and they lived as man and wife till 1885. The case is still on trial.—London Cor. New York Sun.

Doesn't Know His Own Mother.

George C. Hunter of Oakland has lost his memory completely. He is alive and well, but can recall nothing of his past life. He does not remember his wife or his mother. Though he has a good education, he has forgotten how to read or write. Young Hunter was working on a locomotive in the railroad roundhouse when an iron plug was blown from a steam pipe and struck him on the head, fracturing the skull.—San Francisco Examiner.

Wyoming Elk In England.

An interesting attempt is being made to acclimatize the Wyoming elk in this country. Sir Peter Walker acquired 20 head while on a tour in the United States, and the animals have arrived safely, after a journey of 2,600 miles across America and the voyage from New York. They have now been deposited in Sir Peter's park at Osmaston.—London Tit-Bits.

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